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"IMPACTS OF DIGITAL MEDIA ON CIVIL SOCIETY"

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ARTICLES & REPORTS

"Folk Media Meets Digital Technology for Sustainable Social Change: A Case Study of the Center for Digital Storytelling"

[Emily Polk](#), *Global Media Journal*, Fall 2010, 26 pages.

The author, a fellow at the Center for the Communication of Sustainable Social Change, analyzes the movement of oral and written storytelling practices to online digital storytelling, focusing on how these stories can be used to give a voice to the voiceless, raise awareness, increase education, and promote democracy.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/rJJyd>



"Educating the Digital Citizen in the 21st Century"

[Nicola Marae Martinez](#), *All About Mentoring*, Spring 2011, 7 pages.

The author, an academic area coordinator for humanities and digital media at the Center for Distance Learning, State University of New York Empire State College, discusses the importance of educating for digital media literacy, focusing on implications of living in a world within digitally mediated surveillance, technology tracking tools, dataveillance, and a wide range of threats to privacy, security and civil liberties.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/wcE82> [PDF format; 378KB]

"Political Change in the Digital Age: The Fragility and Promise of Online Organizing"

[Bruce Etling](#), et al. *SAIS Review*, December 2010, 14 pages.

The authors discuss the possible impact of digital technologies on social and political changes in an increasingly digital geopolitical environment, and distinguish between the role these tools play in facilitating the flow of information and in offering digital tools for social organizing by activist groups.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/XqfGv> [PDF format; 310KB]



"All the World's a Stage: How Globalization of Media and Civil Society Are Affecting Contentious Politics"
Edward M. Crenshaw, et al. **Working Paper # 03/2011**, January 2011, 60 pages.

Using pooled cross-sectional time-series analyses with data from roughly 140 countries (1984-2001), the authors examine the effects of global media and "global civil society" on four major forms of political contention: anti-government protest; terrorist attacks on civilians; guerrilla attacks; and full-scale civil wars.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/Xpbir> [PDF format; 418KB]

"The Dictators' Digital Dilemma: When Do States Disconnect Their Digital Networks?"

Philip N. Howard, et al. **Issues in Technology Innovation No. 13**, October 2011, 11 pages.

The authors examine when and why governments decide to interfere with citizens' access to the Internet and disconnect digital networks.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/Jvzeo> [PDF format; 464KB]

WEB RESOURCES

Civil Society 2.0: U.S. Department of State

<http://www.state.gov/statecraft/cs20/index.htm>

Civil Society 2.0 is an initiative announced by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in her 2009 speech in Marrakesh, Morocco to assist non-governmental (NGOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) in using new digital tools and technologies to increase the reach and impact of their work.

The Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University

<http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/>

The Berkman Center's mission is to explore and understand cyberspace; to study its development, dynamics, norms, and standards; and to assess the need or lack thereof for laws and sanctions.

The Brookings Institution: Civil Society

<http://www.brookings.edu/topics/civil-society.aspx>

The Brookings Institution is a private nonprofit organization devoted to independent research and innovative policy solutions.

The Heritage Foundation: Civil Society

<http://www.heritage.org/issues/religion-and-civil-society/civil-society>

Founded in 1973, the Heritage Foundation is a research and educational institute whose mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.

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